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I would assume that the lieutenants would use Α. their discretion. And if they needed acting sergeants, they would appoint them. But my experience is you don't, in every case, make an acting sergeant. If you need it, you make it.

But, for instance, if the sergeant that was in professional standards at that point, if he was off on vacation, they would make an actor to go in and take his So it would depend upon the operational need. spot. in fact, a platoon that should have five sergeants -- and the scheme then was four sergeants North and one in Middletown. And if they were short a sergeant because he had retired or she had retired and another sergeant was off on vacation and the third one went off with an injury, that would be a situation and you would expect that the lieutenant would probably appoint an acting sergeant, maybe two, based upon the workload and what was going on at that point in time.

But to the best of my knowledge, there is no county policy that says when a sergeant retires you must appoint somebody as an actor. It's on an as-needed basis as I understand it.

- I'm asking what the reality was, if you know. 0.
- Α. I don't know.

graduate until August.

- Q. You were concerned about turnover among the patrol officers?
- A. I was concerned about the authorized strength of the patrol level, which is where the rubber meets the road so to speak. They are the officers that handle the complaints and are on the street. And if you get too shorthanded there, you've got problems.
- Q. Are you aware that of the 19 police officers who have left, 9 are sergeants and lieutenants?
- A. That would be about right. That would match with the promotions that we just made.
- Q. All right. Staffing levels are still a primary concern of yours?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. What is the rationale of promoting just before the busiest time of the year, the summer months?
- A. We have relief coming in the way of three ready cops that we are looking to hire and the academy will graduate in August. In speaking with the lieutenant colonel, he thought it was critical to move forward with the promotion of the lieutenants and the sergeants that have been promoted so that we would maintain the same supervisory strength that existed prior to December of